

**Slate for Elections for District Secretary, Boards and Committees  
2025 Texas District Convention**

\*Names marked with asterisk = incumbents

**District Secretary**

Ordained: (electing one)

\*Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse, St. Paul, Waco  
Rev. Aaron Kalbas, St. John, Hamilton  
Rev. Carl Roth, Grace, Elgin

**District Board of Directors**

Lay - Area A: (electing one)

Mr. David Brooks, Sr., Trinity, Amarillo  
Mr. Frederick Herm, Prince of Peace, Amarillo  
Mr. Thomas Wolfmueller, Grace Ev., Midland

Lay - Area B: (electing one)

\*Mr. Katari McDonald, St. Paul, Dallas  
Mr. Chris Rodgers, St. Paul, Fort Worth

Commissioned: (electing one)

\*Mrs. Charessa Koontz, Bethany, Austin  
Mrs. Elizabeth Milbrath, Epiphany, Pearland  
Mr. Jordan Miller, Salem, Tomball

**Board for Mission Administration**

Ordained: (electing two)

Rev. Brady Blasdel, Zion, Pasadena  
Rev. Aaron Kalbas, St. John, Hamilton  
\*Rev. Ted Doering, Narrative, Round Rock  
\*Rev. David Murillo, St. Paul, San Antonio  
Rev. Matthew Popovits, St. Mark, Houston  
Rev. Dr. Philip Schielke, Victory in Christ, Newark  
Rev. Troy Scroggins, St. John's, Dumas  
Rev. Jonathan Thomas, St. John, Mansfield  
Rev. Thomas Van Duzer, Holy Cross, College Station  
Rev. Jeffrey Wuertz, Faith, Sugar Land

Lay Person: (electing one)

Mr. Jay Cornils, Ascension, Cleburne  
\*Mrs. Gladys Franco, St. Paul, Harlingen

**District Nominating Committee (2028 District Convention)**

Ordained Area A: (electing one)

Rev. Richard Mittelstadt, Grace, Brownwood  
Rev. Nathan Misch, St. Paul, Plainview  
Rev. Eric Stinnette, St. Paul, Wichita Falls

Ordained Area B: (electing one)

\*Rev. Kevin Hintze: Zion, Walburg  
Rev. Dr. Rance Settle, Lamb of God, Flower Mound



Ordained Area C: (electing one)

Rev. Martin Danner, Bethany, Austin  
Rev. Kevin Westergren, Redeemer, Austin

Ordained Area D: (electing one)

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bogs, St. Matthew of Westfield, Houston  
Rev. Seth Kunze, The Dwelling, New Caney  
Rev. Dan Schepmann, Gloria Dei, Houston

Commissioned: (electing two)

Mr. Scott Browning, Lutheran South Academy, Houston  
Mr. Lance Gerard, Our Savior, Houston  
Mrs. Amanda Iwabuchi, Redeemer, Austin  
\*DCE Paul Krentz: Narrative, Round Rock  
\*Mr. Keith Lund: Grace, Denison  
DCE Josh McNamara, St. Paul, Waco

Lay Person: (electing three)

Mrs. Christine Armstrong, Resurrection, Spring  
\*Mrs. Kelly Bernhardt: Prince of Peace, Amarillo  
Mr. Jeff Bibler, Gloria Dei, Houston  
Mr. Jay Cornils, Ascension, Cleburne  
Mr. Steve Giese, The Grove, Argyle  
Mrs. Ruth Hanson, Memorial, Houston  
Mr. Larry Harvey, St. Matthew of Westfield, Houston

**LCMS Committee for Convention Nominations (2026 Synod Convention)**

Professional Church Worker: (electing one)

Mrs. Charessa Koontz, Bethany, Austin  
Rev. James “Martin” Richardson, Jr., Crown of Life, Colleyville  
Rev. Dan Schepmann, Gloria Dei, Houston  
Rev. Doyle Theimer, Christ the King, Kingwood  
Rev. Jonathan Thomas, St. John, Mansfield

**Alternate - LCMS Committee for Convention Nominations (2026 Synod Convention)**

Professional Church Worker: (electing one)

Mrs. Charessa Koontz, Bethany, Austin  
Rev. James “Martin” Richardson, Jr., Crown of Life, Colleyville  
Rev. Dan Schepmann, Gloria Dei, Houston  
Rev. Doyle Theimer, Christ the King, Kingwood  
Rev. Jonathan Thomas, St. John, Mansfield

*Biographies of nominees will be published in the 2025 Texas District Convention Workbook and will be available on the [Texas District Website](#) no later than May 15, 2025.*

